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*Re: Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.
Addendum to the Petition for Temporary Waiver of
Section 20.18(c) and Extension of Time
CC Docket No. 94-102
ATTN: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. ("Litchfield"), by its attorneys, hereby submits this letter, supplementing its current waiver petition on file which requests additional time to become capable of transmitting calls for 911 emergency calling from text telephone ("TTY") devices. Litchfield is the licensee of Station KNKN787 in the Block B portion of the Kentucky 11 – Clay RSA. Litchfield hereby supplements its waiver petition to request until the end of the first quarter of 2003 to meet the obligations set forth in Section 20.18(c) of the Commission's rules regarding the ability of digital wireless systems to be capable of transmitting calls from TTY devices.

On June 28, 2002, Litchfield submitted a timely request with the Commission for a limited waiver of Section 20.18(c) of the Commission's rules to meet the June 30, 2002 deadline for digital wireless systems to be TTY compliant ("Waiver Petition"). A copy of the Waiver Petition is attached. Therein, Litchfield requested until December 31, 2002 to complete installation of the necessary hardware and software at its switch to comply with the Commission's rules. The Commission has not acted on Litchfield's Waiver Petition.

Litchfield's request for additional time is necessary in order to receive from its vendors and install the needed modifications to its network. Litchfield explained in its Waiver Petition that it believed its switch "is capable of supporting TTY with the

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installation of minor software upgrades.” Litchfield is dependant upon its vendors to receive such upgrades. Litchfield has only now been able to schedule installation dates to upgrade its switch that will enable it to comply with the Commission’s TTY requirements.

Litchfield is a small rural carrier. Its cellular system covers six sparsely populated counties in the state of Kentucky. The largest of these counties has a population of little more than 35,800, and the smallest has approximately 12,400 people. Based on its size, Litchfield is often among the last in line to purchase the requisite hardware and software from its vendors to become compliant with the Commission’s regulatory deadlines.

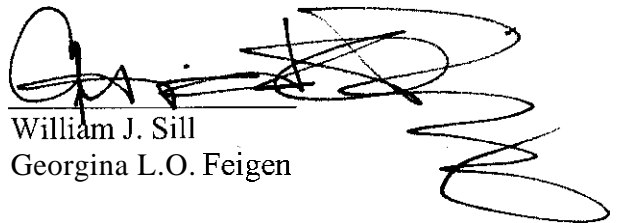
Litchfield is now scheduled to receive and install several upgrades to its current switch and equipment on January 31, 2003 and February 21, 2003. With these upgrades, Litchfield’s system will be capable of transmitting 911 calls for TTY systems and projects that it will be able to meet the Commission’s TTY obligations by the end of the first quarter of 2003. Accordingly, a further limited extension of the Commission’s rules regarding the transmission of 911 TTY calls would serve the public interest and provide Litchfield with the additional time it needs to install and finalize its equipment and switch upgrades.

Please contact the undersigned counsel with any questions you may have at (202)783-4141.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A

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Re: *Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.*
Petition for Temporary Waiver and Extension of Time
CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. ("Litchfield"), pursuant to CC Docket 94-102, Fourth Report and Order, we hereby submit this request for waiver and extension of time on implementation of TTY digital compatibility for 911 emergency calling for Station KNKN787 in the Kentucky 11 (Block B) – Clay **RSA**.

Please contact the undersigned counsel with any questions you may have at (202)783-4141.

Sincerely,

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

By: /s/_____
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Enclosure

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

In the Matter of:)
)
Revision of the Commission's Rules) CC Docket No. 94-102
To Ensure Compatibility With)
Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems)

To: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

**PETITION FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER AND
EXTENSION OF TIME**

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. ("Litchfield"), pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, requests a limited waiver of Section 20.18(c) of the Commission's rules to meet the June 30, 2002 deadline for digital wireless systems to be capable of transmitting calls from text telephone ("TTY") devices.

Litchfield, a small rural cellular carrier providing cellular service in the Kentucky 11 RSA, continues to work diligently to ensure timely TTY access to E911 for all its customers. The absence of firm commitments has continued to be a major obstacle for small carriers such as Litchfield to obtain the software upgrades and equipment necessary to make Litchfield's system capable of transmitting TTY 911 calls. Litchfield believes its switch is capable of supporting TTY with the installation of minor software upgrades. However, Litchfield remains unable to order customer premise equipment ("CPE") capable of supporting TTY.

Even after general availability of CPE, Litchfield will need time to deploy and test the solution. Litchfield projects that it will take an additional 3-6 months from the receipt

of the CPE to test and implement TTY capabilities. Litchfield will continue to press its vendor for the necessary software upgrades and equipment necessary to meet a December 31, 2002 deadline.

Litchfield intends to complete the necessary hardware and software upgrades within a short time frame and become TTY compliant. Accordingly, a grant of the waiver would serve the public interest

For the foregoing reasons, Litchfield requests a temporary waiver of Section 20.18(c) of the Rules and an extension of time until December 31, 2002 to complete its installation of the necessary hardware and software at all its switches to comply with the Commission's rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.

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June 28, 2002